System Configuration Team Conference Call Notes

June 4, 2006

1. Greetings and Introductions.

Bill Hevlin chaired today's SCT conference call and led a round of introductions. The following is a summary (not a verbatim transcript) of the topics discussed and decisions made during this call. Anyone with questions or comments about these notes should contact Kathy Ceballos at 503-230-5420.

2. 2006 SCT Prioritization Criteria.

Between now and the last SCT meeting I understand that there have been some conversations that led to some modification of the criteria document, Silverberg said. My understanding is that people wanted a chance to discuss the revised criteria and make sure everyone was OK with the changes. It was noted that most of the changes made in this iteration of the criteria document were made in response to comments made by David Wills. The State of Idaho is fine with the relatively minor changes that have been made, said Russ Kiefer. In response to a question, Silverberg said the scoring was changed so that 5 is now the highest priority. These changes look good to me, said Jim Ruff. The Corps, BPA, Oregon and NMFS also indicated that they have no problem with the criteria as revised.

So now that we have the criteria, when will the caucus meetings begin? Ruff asked. We'll decide that at the June 15 SCT meeting, Hevlin replied. The caucuses will meet after that meeting, and the full SCT will discuss their rankings at its July 20 meeting, he added. Ruff noted that July 20 will be too late to present the SCT's conclusions at the July Council meeting; he said he will present the results of the SCT's FY'07 prioritization process at the Council's August 15-17 meeting. Silverberg suggested that it may make sense to schedule the August SCT meeting for August 10, in case there are still outstanding issues to be resolved following the SCT's July meeting.

Kiefer expressed his appreciation for everyone's willingness to work with him and incorporate his comments and concerns. With that, today's conference call was adjourned.